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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on March 9, 2007.